

Montana – Alberta St. Mary and Milk Rivers Water Management Initiative

Meeting #JIT-04

Date: 2 days – April 6 & 7, 2009

Start Time: April 6 – 11:00 AM; April 7 – 8:30 AM

Place: The Duck Inn Tavern & Garden Room, 1300 First Street, Havre, MT 59501

Meeting Objective(s)

1. Increase awareness of water use and management in the Milk River Basin, MT.
2. Start process for developing and evaluating options to improve both Montana's and Alberta's access to the shared water of the St. Mary and Milk Rivers.

DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1: April 6 – 11:00 – 7:00 p.m.

11:00 am	Meet tour bus in at the Great Northern Inn in Havre. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome – John Tubbs• Overview of tour – Randy Reed & Dave Peterson• See tour agenda for details
7:00 pm	Dinner

Day 2: April 7 – 8:30a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

8:30 am (15 min)	Welcome and member introductions – John Tubbs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and review meeting objectives and agenda• Adopt notes from February 18-19 meeting
8:45 (45 min)	Follow up on Action Items from February 18-19 meeting – Sal Figliuzzi and Larry Dolan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirm operation and maintenance costs for AB storage projects.• Status of the channel conveyance losses by Environment Canada in Milk River Natural Flow Study.• What quantity of U.S. St. Mary River entitlement flowing into Canada was: (i) being put to beneficial use and (ii) being spilled?• Possibility of extending the natural flow data set to 2003 or 2008?• What currently known/understood about how glaciers affect the St. Mary River system?
9:30 (15 min)	Review of Milk River Tour – John Tubbs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What have members thought about since the tour and/or the last meeting?

9:45 (15 min)	Communications – Robert Harrison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of JIT member's communication to constituents.
10:00 (15 min)	Break
10:15 (1 hr 45 min)	Brainstorming session for developing and evaluating options – Robert Harrison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify JIT member's interests – What does success look like? • Establish criteria – agreed upon standards of an acceptable solution
12:00 pm (45 min)	Lunch – provided <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video "The Milk River: Lifeline of the Hi-Line" (28 minutes)
12:45 (45 min)	Brainstorming session for developing and evaluating options – continued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish criteria – continued • How do we organize options? • Brainstorm options – (if time permits)
1:30 (60 min)	Review of hydrological model development – Sal Figliuzzi and Larry Dolan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connectivity and hydrologic data
2:30 (30 min)	Meeting Review and plan for next meeting – John Tubbs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action items • Confirm next meeting field tour and date • Objective(s) of next meeting • Information required for next meeting
3:00	Adjourn